GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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STANDARDS OF LEGAL EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that there has been a considerable fall in the standard of legal education;

(b) if so, whether there is an urgent need to avert this trend and to improve the quality of law education in the country;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to improve the standard of legal education in country?

Answer

MINISTER FOR LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS

(SHRI RAM JETHMALANI)

(a) to (d) As per the information received from the Bar Council of India, there has been steep deterioration in the standards of legal education imparted in the Country and this has been engaging the attention of the concerned authorities especially the Bar Council of India in the past few years. The sharp decline in the standards of legal education was discussed at two Conferences held at Bhubaneshwar and Hyderabad in the year 1995. The Bar Council of India felt urgent necessity to improve the standards of legal education and in this regard, the Council has been taking several steps including revision of curriculum and decision to close down the evening law colleges which are not following the norms prescribed by the Bar Council of India for imparting legal education. The Bar Council of India has also been visiting and inspecting various law colleges in the country and disapproving affiliation of those colleges which are not following the rules laid down by it and asking the colleges to improve themselves by giving them appropriate directions.